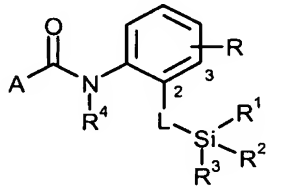
## *Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) Silylated carboxamides of the formula (I)



(I)

in which

R ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl, isopropyl, methylthio or trifluoromethyl,

L ~~represents~~ is a direct bond or ~~represents~~ is in each case optionally substituted straight-chain or branched alkylene (alkanediyl), alkenylene (alkenediyl) or alkynylene (alkyndiyl),

$R^1$ and $R^2$ independently of one another ~~represent~~ are hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl,

$R^3$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_2$-$C_8$-alkenyl, $C_2$-$C_8$-alkynyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl, $C_2$-$C_6$-haloalkenyl, $C_2$-$C_6$-haloalkynyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl, or ~~represents~~ is in each case optionally substituted phenyl or phenylalkyl,

$R^4$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulphonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; formyl, formyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl; halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;

($C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; ($C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or $-C(=O)C(=O)R^5$, $-CONR^6R^7$ or $-CH_2NR^8R^9$,

$R^5$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkoxy, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

$R^6$ and $R^7$ independently of one another each ~~represent~~ are hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_8$-haloalkyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

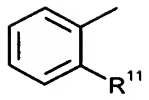
$R^6$ and $R^7$ furthermore together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 to 8 ring atoms which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle may contain 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and $NR^{10}$,

$R^8$ and $R^9$ independently of one another, ~~represent~~ are hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_8$-haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

$R^8$ and $R^9$ furthermore together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 to 8 ring atoms which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle may contain 1 or 2 further nonadjacent heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and $NR^{10}$,

$R^{10}$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen or $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl,

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A1)

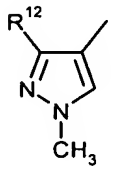


(A1) in which

$R^{11}$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A2)

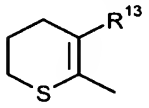


(A2) in which

$R^{12}$ ~~represents~~ is chlorine[[,]] or iodine ~~or dichloromethyl~~,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A3)

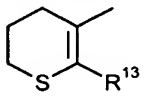


(A3) in which

$R^{13}$ ~~represents~~ is $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A4)

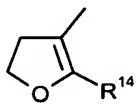


(A4) in which

$R^{13}$ ~~represents~~ is $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A5)

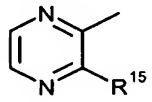


(A5) in which

$R^{14}$ ~~represents~~ is $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A6)

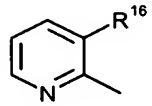


(A6) in which

$R^{15}$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, halogen, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A7)

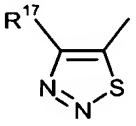


(A7) in which

$R^{16}$ ~~represents~~ is halogen, hydroxyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio or $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A8)

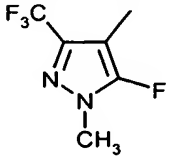


(A8) in which

$R^{17}$ ~~represents~~ is $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl,

or

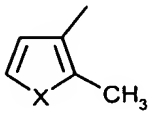
A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A9)



(A9),

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A10)

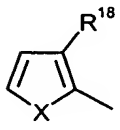


(A10) in which

X ~~represents~~ is O (oxygen) or S (sulphur),

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A11)



(A11) in which

X ~~represents~~ is O (oxygen) or S (sulphur),

$R^{18}$ ~~represents~~ is iodine or methyl.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Silylated~~ A silylated caboxamide ~~carboxamides~~ of the formula (I) ~~according to~~ of Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

R ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, methyl or trifluoromethyl,

L ~~represents~~ is a direct bond or ~~represents~~ is in each case optionally halogen-substituted straight-chain or branched $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylene, $C_2$-$C_6$-alkenylene or $C_2$-$C_6$-alkynylene,

$R^1$ and $R^2$ independently of one another ~~represent~~ are $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl or $C_1$-$C_3$-alkylthio-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl,

$R^3$ ~~represents~~ is $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkylthio-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl,

$R^4$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkylsulphonyl, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; formyl, formyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl; halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;

($C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; ($C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl)carbonyl,

($C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms, or -C(=O)C(=O)$R^5$, -CONR$^6$R$^7$ or -CH$_2$NR$^8$R$^9$,

$R^5$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkoxy, halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

$R^6$ and $R^7$ independently of one another each ~~represent~~ are hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

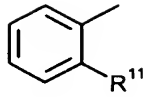
$R^6$ and $R^7$ furthermore together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 or 6 ring atoms which is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle may contain 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and NR$^{10}$,

$R^8$ and $R^9$ independently of one another ~~represent~~ are hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_6$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

$R^8$ and $R^9$ furthermore together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle having 5 or 6 ring atoms which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents from the group consisting of halogen and $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, where the heterocycle may contain 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulphur and NR$^{10}$,

$R^{10}$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen or $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl,

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A1)

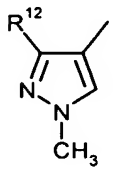


(A1) in which

$R^{11}$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydroxyl, cyano, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkoxy or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkylthio having in each case 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A2)

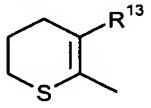


(A2) in which

$R^{12}$ ~~represents~~ is chlorine, or iodine ~~or dichloromethyl~~,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A3)

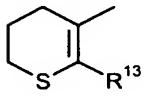


(A3) in which

$R^{13}$ ~~represents~~ is methyl, ethyl or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A4)

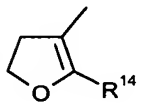


(A4) in which

$R^{13}$ ~~represents~~ is methyl, ethyl or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A5)

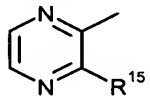


(A5) in which

$R^{14}$ ~~represents~~ is methyl, ethyl or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A6)

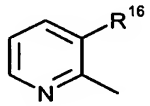


(A6) in which

$R^{15}$ ~~represents~~ is hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, methyl, ethyl or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl having 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A7)

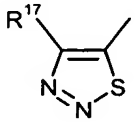


(A7) in which

$R^{16}$ ~~represents~~ is fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydroxyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, difluoromethylthio, trifluoromethylthio, $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkyl or $C_1$-$C_2$-haloalkoxy having in each case 1 to 5 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms,

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A8)

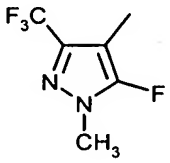


(A8) in which

$R^{17}$ ~~represents~~ is methyl, ethyl, n-propyl or isopropyl,

or

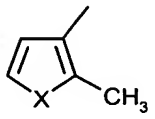
A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A9)



(A9),

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A10)

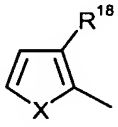


(A10) in which

X ~~represents~~ is O (oxygen) or S (sulphur),

or

A ~~represents~~ is the radical of the formula (A11)



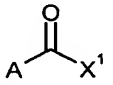
(A11) in which

X ~~represents~~ is O (oxygen) or S (sulphur),

$R^{18}$ ~~represents~~ is iodine or methyl.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing silylated carboxamides of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising reacting

a) carboxylic acid derivatives of the formula (II)



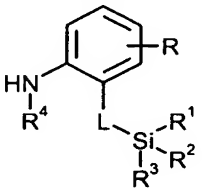
(II)

in which

$X^1$ ~~represents~~ is halogen or hydroxyl and

A is as defined in Claim 1

are reacted with amines of the formula (III)



(III)

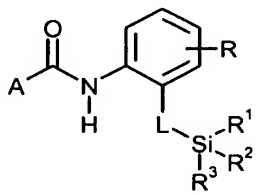
in which R, L, $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$ and $R^4$ are as defined in Claim 1,

~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a catalyst, ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a condensing agent, ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in

the presence of an acid binder and ~~if appropriate~~ optionally in the presence of a diluent,

or

b) silylated carboxamides of the formula (I-1)



(I-1)

in which R, L, $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$ and A are as defined in Claim 1,

are reacted with halides of the formula (VIII)

$R^{4a}—X^2$ (VIII)

in which

$X^2$ ~~represents~~ is chlorine, bromine or iodine,

$R^{4a}$ ~~represents~~ is $C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_6$-alkylsulphonyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl; $C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylthio, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphinyl, $C_1$-$C_4$-haloalkylsulphonyl, halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; formyl, formyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, ($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl; halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl, halo-($C_1$-$C_3$-alkoxy)carbonyl-$C_1$-$C_3$-alkyl having in each case 1 to 13 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms;

($C_1$-$C_8$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_8$-alkoxy)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkyl)carbonyl; ($C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkyl)carbonyl, ($C_1$-$C_6$-haloalkoxy)carbonyl, (halo-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkoxy-$C_1$-$C_4$-alkyl)carbonyl, ($C_3$-$C_8$-halocycloalkyl)carbonyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine and/or bromine atoms; or -C(=O)C(=O)$R^5$, -CONR$^6$R$^7$ or -$CH_2$NR$^8$R$^9$, where $R^5$, $R^6$, $R^7$, $R^8$ and $R^9$ are as defined in Claim 1,

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a diluent.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Compositions~~ A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms, ~~characterized in that they comprise~~ comprising at least one silylated carboxamide of the formula (I) according to Claim 1, in addition to extenders and/or surfactants.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Use of silylated carboxamides of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 for controlling unwanted microorganisms.~~ A method of controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying the composition of claim 4 to said unwanted microorganism or their habitat, or both.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for controlling unwanted microorganisms, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising applying the silylated carboxamides of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~are applied~~ to the microorganisms, ~~and/or~~ their habitats, or both.

7. (Original) ~~Process~~ A process for preparing compositions for controlling unwanted microorganisms, ~~characterized in that~~ comprising mixing the silylated carboxamides of the formula (I) according to Claim 1 ~~are mixed~~ with extenders, ~~and/or~~ surfactants, or both.